

## TESTIMONY AT AGRICULTURE HEARING


My name is Pammela Wright and I am on the executive board of the Missouri Farmers Union.

I want to talk about Country of Origin Labeling or COOL. It was passed in a previous farm bill but enforcement keeps being postponed. Producers want and need this labeling and so do consumers. We need to know that the food we eat is grown under our regulations rather than lax regulations or none at all in some other place.

Especially, I want to talk about the product that my husband and I make, honey. Honey is not even on the list of products that will require COOL labeling. It should be. We want to sell American honey at a good enough price to stay in business. Consumers will choose USA honey if they know what it is.

The main trouble is Chinese honey. The Chinese put a carcinogenic chemical in their hives to kill parasites. This chemical migrated to the honey. People need to know when they are getting American honey that does not allow chemicals like this.

I want to emphasize that we need Country of Origin Labeling for producers to help sell our products and for consumers so they know that their food is safe, especially add honey to the list.



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